

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF  
JANUARY 5, 2026

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
5:00 PM

Edina Community Center  
ECC 349

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Ms. Erica Allenburg  
Mr. Dan Arom  
Ms. Cheryl Barry  
Mr. Michael Birdman  
Ms. Karen Gabler  
Ms. Jennifer Huwe  
Mr. Elliot Mann

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Karen Gabler

5:00 PM - 5:09 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Daniel Bittman, Interim Superintendent  
Sonya Sailer, Executive Director of Human Resources

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

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Ms. Erica Allenburg, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION

- A. Annual Election of Board Chair
- B. Annual Election of Board Officers

CONSENT

- A. Reaffirmation of Policies
- B. School Board Compensation
- C. School Board Committees, Appointments, Liaisons and Representatives
- D. 2026-2027 Board Meeting Dates
- E. Appointments
  - District Architect
  - District Auditors
  - District Legal Counsel
  - Municipal Advisor
- F. Authorization of Credit Cards
- G. Delegations of Authority
  - Electronic Fund Transfers
  - Pay Claims Prior to Board Approval
- H. Designations
  - Depositories
  - Official Newspaper
  - Responsible Authority and Data Practices Compliance Officials
  - Signatories to General Checking Accounts for 2025

LEADERSHIP UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09PM. The minutes and resolutions are open to public inspection on the district website, and on file at the district office, 5701 Normandale Road.

Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

Ms. Erica Allenburg, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Mann motioned and Member Allenburg seconded to approve the agenda. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION

Annual Election of Board Chair: Member Mann nominated Karen Gabler for Chair. All members voted Aye and the motion passed unanimously.

Annual Election of Board Officers: Member Allenburg nominated Cheryl Barry for Vice Chair, the motion passed unanimously; Member Barry nominated Erica Allenburg for Clerk, the motion passed unanimously; Member Allenburg nominated Jennifer Huwe for Treasurer, the motion passed unanimously; Member Barry nominated Elliot Mann for Assistant Treasurer, and Member Allenburg nominated Dan Arom and Michael Birdman for Assistant Clerk, the motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT WITH CHANGES

Member Birdman requested that School Board Compensation be removed from the Consent agenda. Member Birdman moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the consent agenda with that change. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The resolutions were:

- A. Reaffirmation of Policies
- B. School Board Compensation - *removed for separate discussion*
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Board members discussed School Board Compensation.

Member Birdman moved and Member Mann seconded to approve the School Board Compensation item. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

#### LEADERSHIP UPDATES

Chair Gabler reminded members of MSBA officer training coming up, as well as the Phase training opportunities. She also reminded board members to touch base with past committee chairs as those roles change.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 5:09 PM, Member Allenburg moved and Member Arom seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.